

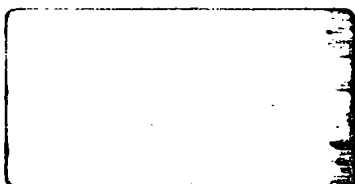
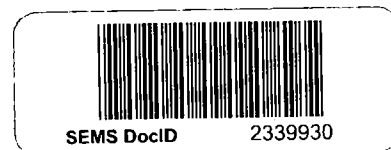
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FROM John Heinz			CONTROL NO. AL903269
SUBJECT AND DATE Valley Forge Army Hospital Chester County.			DATE REC'D 7/23/90
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REFERRED (1) Kim Lonasco	(2) (HWD)	(3)	(4)
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CONTROL NO: AL903269

DUE DATE: 8/ 2/90

FROM: HONORABLE JOHN HEINZ R/PA
UNITED STATES SENATOR
(STATE OFFICE)

INCOMING: 7/ 3/90

RECEIVED: 7/18/90

ASSIGNED: 7/19/90

CONSTITUENT: MS. (b) (6)
PHOENIXVILLE PA

CLOSED: _____

SUBJECT: VALLEY FORGE ARMY HOSPITAL
CHESTER COUNTY

ASSIGNED: 1 REGION 03

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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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July 3, 1990

Congressional Relations Director
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Director:

The attached correspondence from (b) (6) is submitted for your consideration, and to ask that the points raised therein be reviewed.

If you will advise me in writing of your action in this matter and have the letter returned to me with your reply, I will be most appreciative.

In responding, please direct reply to: Senator John Heinz, 9456 Federal Building, Philadelphia, PA 19106, Attention: Thorne Sparkman.

Yours sincerely,

John Heinz
John Heinz
United States Senate

JH/ts
Enclosure

7/18/90

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June 7, 1990

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We also request your assistance in contacting the appropriate agency to perform a health study of the neighboring community to determine any possible health risks due to contamination. Seven cases of Hodgkin's Disease have already been reported by local residents. The possibility of these cancers being associated with contamination at the Army Hospital grounds should also be investigated.

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19107

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Honorable John Heinz
United States Senator
Federal Building, Suite 9400
600 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

Dear Senator Heinz:

Thank you for your letter of June 14, 1990, regarding the concerns of your constituents about the safety of the Valley Forge Army Hospital site in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has contracted NUS Corporation to conduct a Preliminary Assessment (PA) of possible hazardous waste contamination at the site. On Tuesday May 29, EPA officials, an NUS site assessment team, and local officials visited the facility. A visual inspection of numerous open areas, landfills, and buildings was conducted. Specific locations were tested for radioactive and chemical contamination. Preliminary results are still being evaluated, but no radioactive material appears to have been detected.

Several hundred drums of roofing tars and fuel oil, and smaller containers of rodenticide, pesticides, and insecticides were found in what used to be the psychiatric ward of the hospital. The contractor will provide EPA with a detailed report of their findings in the near future. The report will recommend the need and priority for further EPA action at the site.

On Tuesday June 13, a meeting was called by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) the remediation organization for the U.S. Army, (the potentially responsible party) at the Chester County Health Department, West Chester, Pennsylvania, to discuss the extent of contamination at the site. Federal, State, and local officials were in attendance. For your information, I am enclosing the minutes from this meeting developed by the COE and Schuylkill Township.

As a result of that meeting and investigations to date, the following actions are required:

1. A geophysical survey to determine the extent of the landfill. This action will begin as soon as possible.
2. Installation of three to five monitoring wells. Well drilling is expected to begin in August, and wells are to be installed by September 30, 1990.
3. Soil samples to be taken from the landfill area.
4. Samples to be taken from the incinerator stack.
5. A risk assessment will be prepared based on the sampling results.

Another public meeting conducted by the COE will be held at the Phoenixville Area High School Auditorium in late July or early August. Final announcement of the specific date will be forthcoming. This meeting will be attended by representatives of State, Federal, and local agencies. We plan to be represented at this meeting.

At this time, EPA is awaiting the Preliminary Assessment (PA) Report from NUS which is expected in August 1990. This PA will include a file search to determine the historical use of the property as well as its present use and condition. Based upon the information obtained during the PA, EPA will decide if further investigation or action other than that presently planned by the COE is necessary.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact this office again.

Sincerely,

Edwin B. Erickson
Regional Administrator